

Letter from E. K. Snodgrass to Mabel Hubbard Bell, May 10, 1906

COPY . May 10, 1906. My dear Cousin Mabel:— (Mrs. Bell)

Would have answered your letter before, but haven't had a minute I could call my own for the past ten days. We have had a strike on hand at the works, they have given us no end of trouble. To get down to business, I can't give Mr. Bell a report on the Terahedral form of construction; I have talked with a lot of expert bridge and concrete men and they all speak well of the system. Now if you will send me a few of the wooden cells, I'll have some steel ones made the size I want them and experiment. We are putting up some engine foundations, and I would like to try the Tetrahedral system instead of the Unit System. I'm sending you the Unit System no doubt you have seen it, but the men I have talked with seem to think that the Tetrahedral system would be the best. If it can beat the Unit System it will be a big thing.

I'll do anything I can for Mr. Bell, and you with a Company that will help one along. I'm with the same Company as before but was transferred to Bay Street, where they have no compressed air, and all day work.

Give my love to Elsie and Marian and remember me to all,

Yours cordially, (Signed) E. K. SNODGRASS.

No. 770.626 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Whereas Alexander Graham Bell, of Washington, District of Columbia,

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has presented to the Commissioner of Patents a petition praying for the grant of Letters Patent for an alleged new and useful improvement in Aerial Vehicles or Other Structures, a description of which invention is contained in the specification of which a copy is hereunto annexed and made a part hereof, and has complied with the various requirements of Law in such cases made and provided, and

Whereas upon due examination made the said Claimant is adjudged to be justly entitled to a patent under the Law.

Now therefore these Letters Patent are to grant unto the said Alexander Graham Bell, his heirs or assigns for the term of Seventeen years from the twentieth day of September one thousand nine hundred and four the exclusive right to make, use and vend the said invention throughout the United States and the Territories thereof.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Patent Office to be affixed at the City of Washington this twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord on thousand nine hundred and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty ninth.

ECB Moore

Acting Commissioner of Patents